WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES

COMING YEAR TO BE WELCOMED WITH PRAYER AND PRAISE,

A Beautiful Old Custom to Be Observed in Muny Churches To-Night of Dif. ferent Denominations.

In pursuance of a time-honored and beautiful custom, many of the churches of this city will to-night hold "watchnight services" and with prayer and songs of praise greet the dawn of the new

The custom is more generally observed among the Methodists than any other nination, and most of the churches of this faith welcome the opening year AT CENTENARY.

At Centenary church, services will be gin at 9 o'cock and for an hour, special exercises will be held under the auspices of the Epworth League. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will then be administered, after which there will be prayer and praise services until the bells strike the hour of midnight, announcing that the world has entered upon the ninety-

seventh year of the century.

At Broad-Street and Union Station.

Methodist churches similar services will be observed.

AT THE FIRST BAPTIST. The new year will also be welcomed by watch-night services at the First Baptist church, beginning at 11 o'clock and clos-ing as soon as the bells of the churches and city have rung in the new year. This service has always been largely attended, and has proved to many the beginning of a new life. Dr. Cooper will con-

To-morrow night the Young People's Union of the same church will give a New Year's reception to their friends and members. They will keep open house from 8 to 11 o'clock and will entertain with music, recitations, and other at-tractive features.

Other congregations will also gather in

their houses of worship, and spend the last moments of the expiring year in praise and thanksgiving.

YOUNG FORGER ARRESTED.

the Reformatory.

For some days past several merchants, including Miller & Rhoads and Alexanred Werst, this city, have been worried with worthless checks, bearing the signature of one of the officers of the Masonic Home. These checks were not for large amounts, and were presented by a boy named Smith, of about fifteen years of age, an intelligent and honest-looking youngster.

of age, an intelligent and honest-looking youngster.

The theft of a bicycle lamp, reported by the Temple Bicycle Company, has also been traced to the boy, and the case was placed in the hands of the police. From the description given, the detectives suspicions rested on the bey Smith, who lives on Nineteenth street, who has been giving his mother lots of trouble.

Yesterday Sergeant Gibson arrested the suspected boy, and carried him to headquarters, where he confessed to some of his wrong doing.

The boy's mother was sent for and when she reached headquarters, she burst into tears and wrung her hands in anguish at the sight of her only bey under arrest for a serious crime.

The boy was also very much distressed at finding himself in such a position, and ran to his mother with tears in his eyes and begged her to forgive him, and not to leave him.

She could do nething, however, but con-

and begged her to thing, however, but con-leave him.

She could do nothing, however, but con-sent to have him carried to the Laurel Reformatory, where he was taken by Ser-resterday afternoon.

geant Thomas yesterday afternoon.
The boy was a student at the school and was considered unus The boy was a student at the High school and was considered unusually bright. He is the only child and his father is dead.

MANY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Officers of the Municipal Government

The Water Committee met at 7:30 last night in room, No. 12, of the City Hall, Chairman Briggs in the chair, and the following members present: Mesars. Tan-ner, Montgomery, Stokes, Lawder, Cutch-ins, and C. R. Noble.

The regular pay-roll and bills were cr-

dered to be paid. Superintendent Boiling reported that the balance to the credit of the Water Department to-day was On motion of Mr. Lawder, the appli-

tion of the Fire Department for a plug Seventeenth street was granted. Ap-leations for plugs in other quarters

On motion of Mr. Tanner, the Superin-

The Committee on Police met at 6 o'clock, the members present being Messrs, Starke (chairman); Lawder, and Blanks. Bills amounting to \$5,000 and some odd dollars, were ordered paid. Some minor matters were attended to, and the committee adjustral.

and the committee adjourned.

The School Committee met at 6:20 o'clock, with Messrs. Burton, (chairman), John M. King, Briggs, Lawder, and Neale, present. Only routine work was

o the ordinance regulating the sale of lelinquent lands. The Committee on Health will meet at

It o'clock this morning in the office of the Board of Health.

HELD UP IN THE STREETS. Mr. Byron Harlan, a New Comer Here, Is

Stopped and Robbed. Mr. Byron Harlan is a new comer to Richmond. He is engaged in the advertis-ng business for a New York firm in Rich-nond.

cefully wending his way home to the

Peacefully wending his way home to the St. Claire Hotel on Sunday evening he was confronted by three villainous-looking men in Eighteenth street, near Broad street, who surrounded him, and, in the popular parlance, "aeld him up"; or, as feudal romancers would have said, "bade him stand and deliver."

Mr. Harlan surrendered \$2. Satisfied that they had all that was of value on or about his person, these robbers disappeared and Mr. Harlan went home a sadder and wiser, as well as a poorer man, and told his troubles to the hatel people, and afterwards to the police.

hatel people, and afterwards to the police.

This matter of holding people up is getting to be a serious thing in Richmond, and while but few of the cases ever get Into print or even to the ears of the police, it is not an infrequent thing for a man on the streets after dark to be asked for his funds in a threatening and unmistakable manner, and often at the point of a pistol.

One night last week two men poked a pistol into the face of a well-known citizen on the corner of Seventh and Main streets, and when he handed out a silver dollar they asked no further questions but took it and departed.

The police are keeping a sharp lookout for these tramps and garroters with a view of bringing such business to a summary close. The two men who seem to have been operating between Ninth and Third and Main and Broad streets lately are white men, young, and apparently abundantly able to do some work for the city.

BURGLAR CAUGHT.

He Entered the Residence of Mr. G. McD. Blake Tuesday Night.

Tuesday night between the hours of 7 nd 10 o'clock some one entered the esidence of Mr. G. McD Blake and stole lot of clothing and toilet articles from a servant girl. The thief entered the occee through a window in the rear of a premises.

A man giving his name as W. H. Ker-nay was noticed by several young men to be acting in a suspicious manner in the neighborhood of Mr. Blake's resi-dence. They watched him and saw him later and come out of the house with a

bundle in his arms. He was followed by f the young men, while others went Third Station and informed the

police of the occurrence.

Officers Brannan and Gorman went in search of the man and found him in a lumber yard in the vicinity, in company with another disreputable looking white man, the latter having on his person, a The case came up before Justice Crachfield yesterday, and the testimony introduced connected Kerney with the robbery. His companion, whose name is Thomas O'Neal, was given twelve months

in jail as a suspicious character, and Kerney was given six months on the same charge, and the case of burglary went on to the grand jury.

Board of Directors Will Meet in This City

The Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary will meet in the lecture-room of the First Presbyterian

church to-night at 8 o'clock.

The main object of the meeting is to arrange for the completion of the remaining buildings or the seminary, with the view of pushing the work so that

the view of pushing the work so that everything will be in complete operation at the institution by next Christmas.

Among those expected to be present are the following: Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D. president of the board, Wilmington, N. C.; Rev. W. S. Lacy, Norfolk; Rev. S. T. Martin, D. D., Dublin, Va.; Rev. L. B. Johnston, D. D., South Boston; Rev. L. B. Turnbuil, D. D., Durham, N. C.; Rev. A. C. Hopkins, D. D., Charlestown, W. Va.; Rev. R. F. Campbell, Asheville, N. C.; Rev. G. L. Petrie, D. D., Charlettesville, Va.; Rev. H. J. Hill, Fayetteville, N. C.; Rev. W. B. Arrowood, Laurenburg, N. C.; Hon, J., Hoge Tyler, Radford; Colonel J. B. Fitzgera'd, Farmville; Dr. E. N. Hitchinson, Charlettesville; Dr. E. N. Hitchinson, Charlettesville; Mr. J. M. Sidestriker, Charleston, W. Va.

ne West-Eod Christian Mission Sun-school, 1291 west Cary street, had r Christmas entertainment Tuesda

Receiving City laxes.

Captain Frank W. Cunningham, the popular City Collector, has been as busy as a bee for the past few days receiving city taxes.

The time for paying the last half of the 1896 taxes does not expire until the last of January, and as a many are taking advantage of all the time they can get the City Collector can give no estimate as to what amount will be defined.

Alexander and His Father R-conciled

BELGRADE, Dec. 30.—A reconciliation between King Alexander, of Servia and his father, ex-King Milan, has been efreturn to Belgrade to reside. The com-ing of Milan to Belgrade will cause ex-Queen Natalle, the wife of the ex-King and mother of King Alexander, to take her departure from the capital, the rela-tions of the Royal couple not being even of a frigodly nature.

Smuggling Arms to Crete.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The Berlin Post publishes a dispatch from its correspondent in Alexandria, which says that a vessel liying the French flag, which recently passed that port ostensibly for China. did not go through the Sucz Canal, but on motion of Mr. Tanner, the Superintendent was authorized to expend \$150 in the purchase of a valve for the 24-inch pipe leading to the stear; pump.

The Committee on Second Market met at 8 o'clock and transacted routine busi-

Christmas Tree at Corcoran Hall.

Two hundred little ones, who had not seen much Christmas this season, were treated to a real Christmas tree at Corcoran Hall Tuesday evening. The chlidren enjoyed themselves and their little hearts were gladder than, perhaps, ever before. The affair was under the direction of Miss Ruby Bodeker, and she was assisted by a number of well-known young ladies and gentlemen. Rev. Mr. Goodwin presided, and there was music by several young ladies. Christmas Tree at Corcoran Hall.

The Postoffice To-Morrow.

New year's hours at the postoffice will be as follows: The office will open for the delivery of mail at the windows from 4 to 5 P. M., and a collection will be made at 3:45 P. M. from the boxes. Stations "A" and "B" will keep the



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the W transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts-rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative. Syrup of Figs. oromptly removes. That is why it is the only remody with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you hav: the genuine arti-cle, which is manufactured by the Cali-

cle, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative one should nave the best, and with the well-informed everywhere. Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely and and sives most general satisfaction.

BUCKINGHAM WEDDING.

CARRIER LE SUER HIS BRIDE,

Beautiful Ceremony in New Canton Bap tist Church-Mr. Joseph L. Williams Weds Miss Mary E. Jenkins.

Wirt Aubrey Chesterman, of Richmond, to Miss Carrie Le Sueur, of Buckingham, at 2 o'clock yesterday, in New Canton Baptist church, in Buckingham county.

The Rev. R. B. Bontwright, the pastor of the church, performed the ceremony of marriage in a most impressive style while the church was profusely decorated with holly, cedar, and evergreens as especially suited to the season of Christmas, and with flowers, potted plants,

ferns and palms besides.

THE BRIDE.

The bride-elect entered the church with her maid-of-honor, Miss Virginia Le Sueur, and was met at the marriage altar by the bridegroom, with his best man, Mr. W. B. Isaacs, of Richmond. She was very beautifully attired in a white satin gown, en train and chiffon.

Her veil was held up with bunches of orange blossons, and she wore diamond

The dress of her maid of honor was of

white organdic, and she carried a bouque of La France roses. A delightful feature of the bridal procession was Miss Aubrey Chesterman, who, as a flower girl, preceded the bride, and was very charming and sweet to

ushers, who fulfilled the demands them with great ability, were rs. Richard R. Case, of Charlottes-L. B. C. F., and Frank Le Sueur,

or Buckingham.

Miss Ida B. Floyd, of Manchester, Va.
was the organist, and played the bridal
chorus fro mthe opera of Lohengrin during the progress of the wedding. MANY GUESTS.

MANY GUESTS.

There were many guests from a distance present, and among them were Miss Anna Howard, of Richmond; Miss Lucy Mabel, of Decatur, Ga; Miss Electa Roatwright, of Richmond; Mrs. J. M. Jewett, of Manchester, Ve.; Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, of Highland Park; Mr. W. C. Eurton, Mr. William Harman, Mc. Mrs. James Hall, of Righand Fark, Si W. O. Eurton, Mr. William Harman, Mr. John R. Williams, Mr. Evans Williams Mr. John Howers, all of Richmond; M. G. W. Jewett, of Manchester, and M. William Le Sueur, of Newport News.

Numerous and vaulable presents from relatives and friends of the couple show-ed the favor in which they are held. tion held at the home of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Chesterman will take an exall, and all a Chesterman win take an ex-tended tour north before they come to Richmond for their future residence where Mr. Chesterman is well known as a very successful contractor and builder

Williams Jenkins.

A large congregation of the friends of Mr. Joseph L. Williams and Miss Mary E. Jenkins, both of whom are very well known and much esteemed on Church Hill, assembled at the Union-Station Methodist church, on north Twenty-fourth street, last night at 9 o'clock, to see them married. The impressive correction, after the form of the Methodist Church was performed by the Rev. George C Vander-lice, the paster of the church, and very shortly afterward the happy couple

The bride was becomingly attired in a gown of gray cloth, trimmed with velvet, gray hat and gloves, and carried pink roses, while the groom were the regulation evening dress, and both looked very well and happy. Miss Fannie Taylor was

THOUSANDS IN DIFIDENDS.

A Great Deal of Money to Be Paid Out in This City To-Morrow.

Much Interest attaches to the fact, that semi-annually, on the first of January and July, there are numerous dividends declared by the various banks, trust com declared by the various banks, trust com-panies, insurance companies, ralippad corporations, and manufacturing estab-lishments of the city of Richmond, and on to-morrow the usual and regular divi-dends for January 1st will be forthcom-

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As the aggregate of these dividends
a very large, and the greater part theref will be paid to stockholders here in
the city, it will be seen that the creulaion of money will be increased in a
tarked degree, with beneficial results to

marked degree, with beneficial results to all business people.

All the various dividend-declaring in-stitutions of Richmond have done well during the last six months, and declare their usual dividends, a fact which speaks loudly for their conservative and business-like management.

An estimate of the dividends to be paid cut by the dozen banking establish-ments of Richmond is given as follows: Citizens.

ner.

Then there are the building and loan associations, which will nay out large sums, not exactly to be stated accurately to-day, and it may be assumed that in all, several hundred thousand dollars will be set in circulation, during the next few days.

HAPPY LITTLE FOLKS

Received Their Christmas Reward at the First Presbyterian Church.

The First Presbyterian Sunday School held their Christmus celebration in the lecture-room of that church last night, and it was a most enjoyable occasion for young and old. The room was filled with bright, smiling facer, and when the great Christmas tree was disclosed to view, the smiles lengthened into broad grins. Be-fore the sweets were distributed by the real, live Santa Claus, with red whiskers,

reat, five santa Caise, with rea winsser, a delightful programme of song and recitation was indulged in.

Miss Edith West and Miss Rynie Wood, Miss Mary Irvin, Miss Gracie Wood, Miss Margaret Noble, and Master Willie Talman sang a song, after which Misses Corlane. sang a song, after which Misses Corinne
Norman and Ida Beveridge entertained
with a dialogue. Last, but not least, was
little Henry Staples, son of Mr. H. L.
Staples, who recited a most amusing poem
about little Willie being unusually good

AD ONS-THED lates. Special fates
between the following:
Fichmond and Old Peint. \$2.00
Richmond and Norfolk. \$5.00
Richmond and Lynchburg. \$5.00
Richmond and Lynchburg. \$6.00
Richmond and Lexington, Va. \$6.00
Richmond and Clifton Forgo. 770

just before Christmas time. He was encored, and responded with a little skit about going down to grandpa's, where he

could have a high old time.

About 9:30 o'clock the little folks went home, glad that they had attended Sunday school all year to be rewarded on

PERSONAL AND GENERAL,

Interesting Facts About Richmond's Cit gens and Other Mc:ters.

Rev. Dr. B. Johnston, of South Boston, is a guest at the Executive Mansion. Mr. Claude M. Dean, Deputy Clerk United States Circuit Court, left yester-

Alderman Reuben Burton returned to the city yesterday morning from a visi to his mother, in Dallas, Tex. The late William Lovenstein's fife in-surance amounted to about \$25,000, and this was all in beneficial orders.

Captain Angle, who was hurt by fall-ing from a moving street car on Christ-mas day, was able to be our yesterday. Lieutenant Alex Tomlinson is surfer-ing with a severe cold in the head, cou-

In the suit of W. M. Perry against B. C. Jones, in the Law and Equity Court, a verdict was rendered for the defendant. Edward F. Watson and Richard P.

Myers Tobacco Manufacturing Com-cany, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting his nunt, Mrs. Albert Hill, No. 1225 Floyd

W. N. McVeigh, of Alexandria, who has been visiting his sister. Mrs. 62. Powell Hill of west Main street, has been confined to his room tor the past week or ten days with a severe cold.

A. S. Harris (colored) was charged with taking one too many drinks yesterday and driving his horse recklessly through the public streets. He was based by Officers Shields and Curle, of the Second station and will give an account of himself before Justice John

Mrs. Cullen, wife of Dr. C. R. Cullen, of Barton Heights, and mother of Mrs. Dr. R. H. Pitt. still continues ill at the residence of Dr. Pitt, where she was taken suddenly ill some days ago. Mrs. Cullen is improving, but is not able to go to her own hotice.

President Williams, of the Richmond Traction Company, yesterday expressed surprise that a remonstrance had been made against the promosed troof-ray surprise that a remonstrance had been made against the proposed Brook-ave nue line. He said that he was unde the impression that the residents of the thoroughfare had wanted it from requests made to him.

Mr. E. D. Harrington, travelling pas-enger agent of the Southern Pacific Rail-ay and Steamship Lines, is in Richmond in one of his periodical visits. He says hat winter tourist travel to the Califor-ial reacrist is quite up to last season, and hat the indications for an increased traf-

and French.

Gen. Craighill, chief of engineers, has approved the recommendation of Major Allen, in charge of the Potomac river improvement, that the contract for the construction of a wharf and gun employed at Sheridan Point, va., be

Viceinia State Directory and Gazetteer

Volume 7 of the above work has tus been issued from the presses of the J L. Hill Printing Company, who are own ers and publishers. It is gotten up it good style and embraces a mass of ers and publishers. It is gotten up in good style and embraces a mass of information compiled in convenient form for ready reference. The publishers have added several new and important features, among which is a complete map of the State, also, a School, thank, and Newspaper Department. The work stands alone in the field it aims to cover, and will prove a valuable help to any business man.

That famous old country seat, Tree Hill, on the river road, southeast of Richmond, was the scene of a masquerade ball on night before last.

After the grand march at 230 octock, dancing followed till 3 A. M. of Wednesday. Many couples went from this city to the ball, which was voted an entire success.

A GREAT STAGE PICTURE.

"The Great Northwest" Will Be Produced Here To-Night.

"The Great Northwest," as its name suggests, is a play written for the purpose of depicting life as it exists in that great expanse of country, "where wheat is king, where cities spring up in a single night, where restless winds sweep across a thousand miles of yellow, waving grain, and men breathe free and full, and life and hate, laughter and tears, passion and pain, make up, as everywhere, a human story," without those horrible scenes which go so far to give the uninfliated a wrong idea of real life as it does exist in the far West.

A play that dispels from the minds of the audience all prejudice against the exposi-tion of realism in western dramas, "The Great Northwest' is free from the red shirt and Bowle-knife element. Its scenes are natural and unstrained. The electrical and mechanical effects are marvels of stage realism. What, with real horses, real locomotive, real wind-mill with its huge fans revolving at a terrific speed during the howling electrical bliz-zard, real enough to make one reach for his ulster. The terrible prairie fire, anothscene witnessed for many years. Yet, with all, there is more genuine humor and fun than in any American play before

New Year Holiday Rates via C. and O.

Railway.

Round-trip tickets between all stations of Chesspeake and Ohio millway will be on sale on December 20th, 31st, and January 1st, limited to January 1st, at ONI AND ONE-THIRD fares. Special rates

INVITE THEIR VIEWS.

of Protection in This Section Meets

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.-Special.—The work of the Ways and Means Committee upon the new tariff bill is being watched with even greater interest by the Southern Democrats than by

Republicans themselves. The announced intention of the Repubhean managers is to afford as much pro-tection in their new bill to the industries of the Southern States as to those of Pennsylvania and New England, They hope in this manner to stimulate and increase the sentiment favorable to pro-

increase the sentiment favorable to protection in this section of the country. To the disappointment of the Republican leaders, however, the pressure from the South for increased tariff duties is so slight as to be scarcely perceptible. The invitation to southern manufacturers and mine owners to come forward and make their wishes known to the committee has been as general as that to the northerners. But the latter are alone showing any particular anxiety regarding increased duties. The interest of the Democrats is due more to the probable effect of the proposed legislation upon voters than to any hope that it will really prove of benefit to the States they represent. One of the leading southern men in the House said: While I hope if there is any virtue in protective legislation that the South may got its full share of the benefits to result, I am certain that it will

bama and Tennessee we can produce better fron and steel than can be duced in Pennsylvania, and do it at cest. In several States we can New England in the manufacture of ton goods

Tariff legislation will do us no good. It will not increase our profits, because we already sell our products abroad, and must look to our foreign trade as the paramount basis of prosperity. What and that it will not benefit the No For this reason I will not be sorry see the measure enacted into haw beca it will prove an object lesson to the wi American public in political economy it should convince the people that finan-and not tariff, legislation is needed.

GIVE US A CHANCE. Give us in the South the means of utilizing to best advantage the resources we possess and we will not ask to be protected from the competition of the

we be be to be compensed on the compensed entire world.

As was the case with the McKinley bill, the plan of the Ways and Means Committee seems to be to let the manufacturers write the bill the next Congress will be asked to pass.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

day Evening. About one hundred and fifty happy little children and some thirty grown folks enjoyed the entertainment given at Mason's Hall, on Franklin street, near Eighteenth, yesterday evening, at 5 o'clock, by the Calvary Mission Sunday-school, a branch school of old St. John's, the superintendent of which is Major B.

On With the Dance,

The Wednesday Night Circle, a club of charming young people, entertained themselves had a few hystest friends with a dance and supper at Saenger Halle last night. This club meets for social pleas-ure every Wednesday ovening and is composed of the following young ladles and gentlemen, all of whom were present last night; Misses Chrife Brown, Nora Healey, Mary Bannisser, Julia Fitzpatrick, Jennie Manning, Maggle Schopp, Nora Schopp, Mary Jriffith, Charlotte Griffith, Ellen Hill, and Mamie Hughes; Mesers, J. Hannan, D. Cogbill, C. Fitzpatrick, C. Faubree, J. Burke, J. Sullivan, C. Trexier, H. Howard, J. Durritt, D. Griffith, T. Bannister, T. Gibson, S. Ligon, and J. Campaconica.

The chapterones were Misses Mary Casey, Mary Hughes, and Kate Sweeney, besides the parents of some of the young people.

schilling's Band discoursed sweet

"The Great Northwest" To Night.

"The Great Northwest" To Night.

As old as the play of "East Lynne" is it has lost hone of its old popularity, as the large houses which greeted Miss Eugenie Blair and her codepany at the Academy of Music for two hights and a mathew, beginning Tuesday, have shown. The closing perferts aree last night drew a geody-rized house.

This evening begins an engagement for three nights, with a regular matinee on Saturday and an extra one on New Year's Day, of the great scenit production, "The Great Northwest," wisch is heralled by excellent notices of its merit, as seen by others, in Besten more especially.

Coming attractions at the Academy of Music are Secura's Eanst January 5th; the famous Lilliputians Binuary 11th, 12th and 13th, and Mr. Leath's own company in "Our Flat" January 15th and 16th.

Wanted to "Do Him Up." Wanted to "Do Him Up."

Deputy High Constalle J. L. Ingersoil, while in pursuit of his duties, went to the residence of Fannie Brown yesterday to interview her about a certain bill. Fannie did not care to receive Mr. Ingersoil, and grew very abusive and made threats about "doing tim up." and said other unpleasant filling. Mr. Ingersoil is a quiet, unobtrusiv man, and rather than have any work, with Fannie, he had her arrested. She will be permitted to state her case to his Honor in the Police Court this morning.

Rev. R. P. Williams Here.

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The Rev. Elchard F. Williams, rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, of Montgomery, Alabama, is in Richmond, the guest of his stater in-law, Miss Watson, at 13 west Frank in street.

Mr. Williams is rem-imbered here as a former assistant minister to the Rev. Hartley Carmichael, of St. Paul's church, from which he went to Montgomery.

He has lately been called to the charge of the large and influential Trinity church, Washington, 2. C., and having accepted he will remove to that city about the 1st of February next.

Captain Angle, who hurt himself by failing from a moving car on Christmas day, and who was laif up from his injuries, is very much irtproved. He was able to go to his post at the Second station for a while yesterday, and is expected to do the same to-day.

Captain Augle Better.

Freight Clerks' tissociation. The Freight Clerks' Association will meet Saturday night at 8 o'clock in Smith's Hall, on Fifth street, between Broad and Marshall. All clerks connected with railroad and steamboat companies are requested to attend.

There Are Others, "I dreamt I dwelt in marble halls," She sings the whole night through; She never seems to tight that we Would like to dream some, too. WashingtonStar.

A County Declared Insolvent.

DIGHTON, KAN., Dec. 30.—The board of county commissioners of Lane county have formally declared the county insolvent and issued instructions to the coun-

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ness, cures diarrhora and wind colic, relieves teething troubles, and cures constitution.

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III So. Oxford Str., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Castoria within easy reach."

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, TT MURRAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

MEETING IN NORFOLK AND GROWTH OF ORGANIZATION SHOWN,

Publication of a 8 ate Labor Paper. Most Active in Richmond.

tive Committee of the State Federation of Labor met here to-night, with Presi-He states that he found the condition of the organization thriving, and had several new ones in contemplation, notably, the tobacco workers and trunk makers of Petersburg and the trunk makers of Richmond.

RAPID GROWTH.

It was shown that the Federation new has about 15,000 members, against about 8,000 last August, when it was organized. The report of the four district organizers were read, that of Lynchburg district showing greatest activity.

The resignation of Charles G. Kiser as State secretary was accepted and Robert J. Carry, of Norfolk, elected to fill his place.

John C. Culin was appointed organizer for the Danville district.

A STATE PAPER.

STATE PAPER. The committee endorsed the publication of a State labor directory by K. F. Shannon, and the president was instructed to require a proper bond of him. Mr. Dornin reports greatest activity in organization circles in Richmond, where, he says, there is the best organization in the State.

Governor Atkinson's Inauguration CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 20.—The G. W. Atkinson Club, of this city, which gathed an enviable reputation in the last campaign, has organized anew for the purpose of conducting the inaugural ceremonies of Governor-elect Atkinson on March 4th next. A large number of the leading Republicans of the city were present last night, and the work was begun with such a degree of enthusiasm and cargeness that a tremendous demonstra.

Bold Robbers. CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 30.-Two men, ne of whom was masked, armed with pis-

ISHPEMING, MICH., Dec. 29.—i'no Bell Telephone Company has lost prac-tically its entire patronage here. A lo-cal company row has four times as many subscribers as the Bell people ever

many subscribers as the Bell people ever had.

The Bell people are now offering phones absolutely free to all business and professional men who will agree to keep them in their offices for the coming year.

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New York's Increased Budget.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, which has been for two weeks considering the final estimates of the various brancles of the city government of 1897, finished its work yesterday. The total appropriations focts up something close to \$20,00,600.

This expenditure, it is estimated, will make the tax rate for next year \$2.20 on each \$100 of valuation. No approach to this budget or this rate has ever been reached before. Mayor Strong has little to say about the budget, but it is believed that he is surprised. New York's Increased Budget.

Gov.-Elect-Tanner Weds.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL, Dec. 38.—Gover-nor-Elect John R. Tanner was married to-day to Miss Cora Edith English, daugli-ter of Mr. and Mrs. Turney English, of Springfield.

Springfield. The ceremony was performed at noon at St. Paul's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral by the venerable Archdeacon Taylor. Right Rev. George F. Seymour, bishop of the diocese of Springfield, pronounced the benediction.

A Jockey Badly Bart.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20—Mild weather, a fast track, and a big crowd marked to-day's sport. Two favorites won, the public losing on the day. In the second race Farmer Leigh ran into the fence and hart Jockey Caywood badly, his knee-cap being fractured. Summaries:

First race—six furlongs, selling—Bryan (108, Caywood, 3 to 5) first, with Dorothy III. second and Meddler third.

Second race—two-year-olds, one mile—Cannonade (103, Songer, 6 to 1) first, with Otto II. second and Harry B, third. Time, 1:339.

Third race—seven furlongs, selling.—Cotton King (104 Hart, 2 to 5) first, with C. C. Rumrill second and Miss Clark third. Time, 1:2392.

Fourth race—Handicap, seven furlongs.—Albert S. (80, Dorsey, S to 1) first, with Maggle S, second and Paiadin third. Time, 1:2394.

Fifth race—hurdles, mile and a furlong. A Jockey Badly Burt.

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Fifth race—hurdles, mile and a furner,
Brakeman (140, W. Mildas, 4 to 1) first,
with Mr. Dunian second and Rey del Marthird. Time, 2:07½.
Sixth race—two-year-olds, six furlongs.
Mafte C. (102 Morse, 5 to 2) first, with
Fat Marris second and Alton third. Time,
1:14%.

ty treasurer to refrain from further payment of interest on the county's bonded indebtedness. The funded debt of the county is \$125,000. The bonds are held county is \$125,000. The bonds are held by about forty different corporations and individuals in New York and New England, and have been quoted a calmost par. Edward Helmie, chairman of the county board, states that this action was taken simply because the county could not raise money enough by taxation to meet its obligations. He asserted that the settlers of Lane county are not repudiators, and pay their taxes promptly, but that such is not the case with non-resident land owners. He cites as an example the Jarvis-Conkia Mortgase Comoany, which owns ninety quarter sections of land in the county and has not paid a cent of taxes for nearly three paid a cent of taxes for nearly three

years.

About \$100,000 of the county's indebtedness is represented by bonds issued to aid in the construction of the Great Bendbranch of the Santa Fe road. FEARS FOR CAPTAIN MICKERSON,

A Belief That He May Have Been Waylald

By an Assassin.
CAPE MAY, Dec. 29.—The mystery sur-CAPE MAY, Dec. 29.—The mystery surrounding the disarpearance of Captain James D. Nickerson, at Hampton Roads, Va., on December Erd, has not yet been cleared up. It is the general opinion that he has met with rough experiences, and may possibly be the victim of some lurking assassim. His young wife, who lives at South Seaville, is very anxious about her husband, and is fearful of the worst. Nickerson is about thirty-three years old, and is a man of excellent habits. This morning his urcle, Aaron Nickerson, of Dennisville, broke the latest news to Mrs. Nickerson. His boat, the Lucy, is still at Hampton Roads, awaiting orders from her owners. Her cargo comprises soft coal consigned to parties at an Eastern port.

Waller's Short Lead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—At the close of the third day of the six-day international bicycle race the score stood:

Waller, 457 miles, 8 laps.
Maddox, 457 miles, 8 laps.
Asbinger, 456 miles, 10 laps.
Lawson, 458 miles, 10 laps.
Chapple, 427 miles, 5 lap.
Chapple, 427 miles, 6 laps.
Forster, 427 miles, 5 laps.
Tom Linton rode five miles in 11:51 1-2, breaking the world's record, his own, by 9 1-2 seconds.
Eddie Baid made three-quarters of a mile in 1:45, lowering the best record by live seconds. Both rode unpaced.

An Iowa Bank Robbed,

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ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—A special from Des Mones, lowa, says that the State Bank ar Sully, a small town near Newaton, lowa, was looted by robbers last night. They blew open the sefe with dynamite and carried away an unknown amount of cash, estimated variously at from \$5,000 to \$15,000. On account of lack of telescaph connections, particulars are hard to obtain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Beginning January 1st the following fourth-class post-ordices will be advanced to the presidential class: Fort Payne, Alabama; Lakeland, Florida; Clinton, Louislana; Manstield, Louislana; Laurinburg, North Carolina; Warrenton, North Carolina. Famine in Russin. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 39.—Famine is prevailing in the province of Kherson. It is estimated that 58,000 roubles will be required for the relief of the sufferers.

A London Fog. From 10 o'clock last night until the rorring hours the city strongly resembled what London is said to be when wrapped in one of its worst fogs. About the hour nentioned a heavy, smoky manite rolled in from the river, wrapping everything in its gloomy embrace, and soon the electric lights resembled tailow sips and locomotion on the streets was difficult.

The adjourned meeting of the Southern Association of Base-Ball Clubs will be held in Montgomery, Ala., Monday, Janu-ary 4, 1897, at the Windsor Hotel.

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